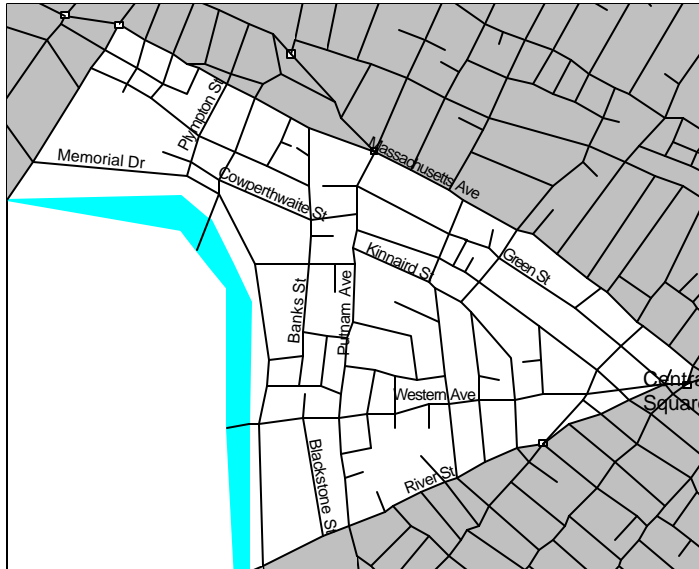
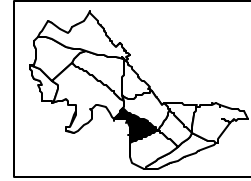


NEIGHBORHOOD 7

RIVERSIDE



BOUNDARIES: bordered by Massachusetts Avenue, River Street, the Charles River, and JFK Street

POPULATION: 10,432 residents
3,341 households

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:
\$27,415

Neighborhood #7 is encompassed within the patrol boundaries of Car 3 (2 officer cars) and Cars 6R and 10R (1 officer cars). Also included within its boundaries are walking routes 7A and 7B.

2001 SECOND QUARTER REVIEW

Despite a 50% decline in **street robberies** [a mere 4 incidents that occurred prior to 3/9/01], all target crimes in the Riverside area went up from the 2nd Quarter of 2000. • Increases were tallied between 9% and 117%, with **auto thefts** more than doubling. Thefts of this nature were evenly split between the 1st and 2nd Quarters, with no distinct patterns of activity. One was an attempt only, while others involved the theft of varied autos, 2 motorcycles, a garbage truck (on 6/20), and a Bobcat (in early January). A few brief sprees, involving the theft of 2 vehicles within the same day, were likely responsible for the sharp increase. These were concentrated along Western Ave, between Putnam Ave & Kinnaird St., as well as at 1200 Mass Ave, and Banks @ Mt. Auburn Streets • **Larceny from motor vehicles** moved up 43% from 2000. Most of these larcenies occurred within the 1st Quarter of 2001; entry was primarily gained via the breaking of a window. • Daytime **housebreaks** were most frequent throughout Riverside's 2nd Quarter, with multiple Thursday/Friday breaks clustering in the latter half of June. • **Malicious destruction** was greatly varied, although half of these crimes were aimed at motor vehicles (whether they involved the slashing of tires, breaking of windows, or the 'keying' & denting of motor vehicle bodies). A number of these acts were spurred on by road rage or were related to random acts of youth vandalism. • **Drug activity** met a slight increase (25%) in the 2nd Quarter, rising to 4 from last year's total of 3. Two separate incidents on Holyoke St. resulted in 3 arrests. Charges ranged from LSD sales to the use and possession of cocaine, mushrooms, & marijuana.

COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS

Second Quarter 2000 & 2001

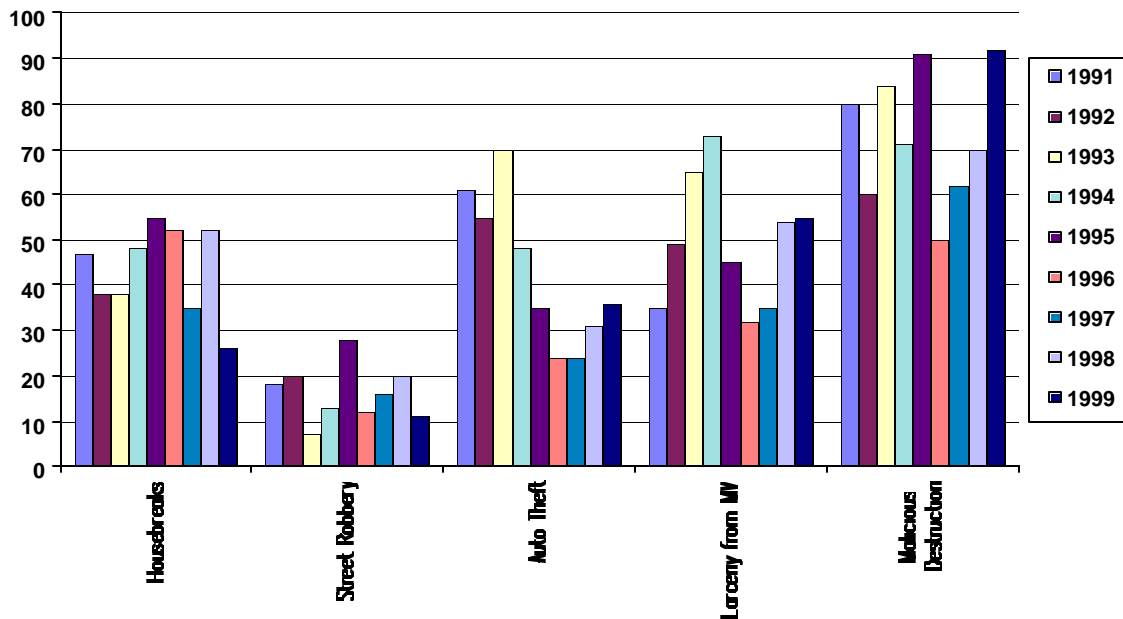
CRIME	2 nd Q 2000	2 nd Q 2001	% CHANGE
Housebreaks	16	22	+38 %
Street Robbery	8	4	- 50 %
Auto Theft	12	26	+117 %
Larceny from MVs	14	20	+43 %
Malicious Destruction	43	47	+9 %
Drug Arrests	3	4	+33 %

NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

Riverside has the fourth highest population in the city, but it ranks well below the average for almost all index crimes. Along with its 10 thousand residents, Riverside has two housing developments (Putnam Gardens and the River-Howard homes), two major parks (Hoyt Field and Riverside Press Park), and many commercial establishments along Massachusetts Avenue, River Street, and Western Avenue. Several Harvard University dormitories and other properties occupy the northwestern quarter. Riverside's borders also encompass the United States Post Office and the Cambridge Police Department headquarters.

Harvard University, which has its own police department, patrols Harvard property in the northwestern part of the neighborhood. Our statistics do not reflect most incidents that occur on university property.

- **Malicious destruction** is the only crime that has not shown a significant average decline in Riverside since the 1980s, though it is low compared to the rest of the city. Most of this vandalism occurs to motor vehicles. Occasional patterns of this crime over long holiday weekends have been a problem in the past.
- **Street robberies** are low for a neighborhood of Riverside's population, but they remain a pressing problem. Most of these incidents are on Western Avenue. Riverside has an exceptionally low **housebreak** rate for its size; a few clusters appear on Franklin and Kinnaird Streets, and at Putnam Gardens.
- Hoyt Field, the site of a murder in the Summer of 1997, has long been considered a **robbery** and **narcotics** hot spot.
- The only neighborhoods with lower **auto theft** and **larceny from motor vehicles** totals have less than half of Riverside's population.



ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR RIVERSIDE AREA TARGET CRIMES					
Crime	1981-1990	Rank 81-90*	1991-2000	Rank 91-00*	Rank 2000*
Housebreaks	83	7	43	6	4
Street Robbery	34	4	17	6	3
Auto Theft	92	9	41	9	9
Larceny from MVs	87	7	48	9	10
Malicious Destruction	78	9	74	8	6

*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest